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OUTLINE

THE URBAN LEGEND SAID TO SPAN VOLUMES, THE "BOOKMARK OF DEMISE."
IF THE BLACK BOOK WITH THE CAT BOOKMARK ARE FOUND, THE DEMAND WRITTEN ON THE PAGE THE BOOKMARK IS PLACED MUST BE CARRIED OUT. IF THE REQUEST IS IGNORED, WHAT AWAITS IS DEATH. 4 STUDENTS BECOME INVOLVED IN THIS DEMISE GAME

STORY SO FAR

A-YA, B-KO, C-TA, AND D-NE GO FORTH WITH THE "KOKKURI-SAN" RITUAL IN ORDER TO OBTAIN THE "BOOKMARK OF DEMISE."
ONE LATE NIGHT, C-TA INFILTRATES A-YA'S HOUSE. SHOCKED TO FIND A-YA PERFORMING "ONE-MAN HIDE AND SEEK," C-TA DECIDES THAT A-YA IS THE TRAITOR, THE "FOX." HE REALIZES HIS MISTAKE ONLY AFTER HE HAS KILLED A-YA. HIS WRONG RESPONSE IS MET WITH PUNISHMENT, AND C-TA IS ALSO KILLED...

CHARACTERS

D-NE

A PURE AND QUIET GIRL. OFTEN COMPLIMENTS B-KO.

C-TA

THE MOST LEVEL-HEADED AND CALM OF THE FOUR. OFTEN MAKES FUN OF A-YA AND B-KO'S BICKERING.

B-KO

THE TOP CLASS BEAUTY AT SCHOOL, AND HUGELY POPULAR WITH THE BOYS. SHE'S USUALLY MODEST AND ELEGANT, BUT SHE ACTUALLY GETS ANGRY OFTEN.

A-YA

HAS DISCOVERED THE BOREDOM OF EVERYDAY LIFE. THE ONLY THING HE ENJOYS IS DELIBERATELY SPREADING RUMORS AROUND SCHOOL

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ONE POINT

IN THE STORY OF "BOOKMARK OF DEMISE," THERE ARE SEVERAL URBAN LEGENDS BEING SPREAD AROUND THE SCHOOL. "ONE-MAN HIDE-AND-SEEK," "DOPPELGANGERS," "MEACHY-SAN'S PHONE," "MONKEY'S PAW"...ARE THERE ANY IN YOUR SCHOOL? IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, TRY INVESTIGATING THEM!

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MY FIRST LOVE WAS A GIRL.

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GROW-ING CLOSER TO D-NE'S SECRET

SHE WAS A "DOLL" NAMED RIRIKA...

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RIRIKA WAS VERY HUMBLE AND GRACEFUL.

"Ririka, why is the sky blue?"

"Because it looks beautiful that way."

RIRIKA WAS SO VERY CLEVER.

"Then why are the nights dark?"

"Because only then can you see the stars, right?"

AND ALSO, A ROMANTICIST.

I WORE LOVELY CLOTHES JUST LIKE THE DOLL'S.
I MADE MY HAIRSTYLE LOVELY, JUST LIKE THE DOLL'S...
BUT BEFORE LONG, I REALIZED SOME-THING.
SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL, CUTE AND RELIABLE... TO ME, RIRIKA HERSELF WAS MY IDEAL.
AT SOME POINT, I BEGAN TO THINK THAT I HAD TO BECOME CLOSER TO THIS IDEAL, TO "RIRIKA"

I AM NOT BEAUTIFUL, LIKE RIRIKA.
I CAN NEVER BECOME "RIRIKA".
I'M NOT CUTE EITHER.

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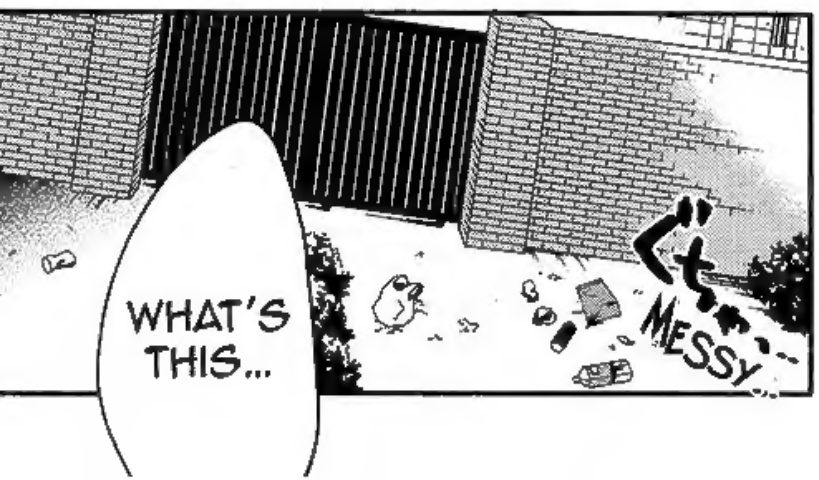
THE DAY I UNDERSTOOD THAT, I SOBBED AND WAILED ALL DAY LONG, QUESTIONING RIRIKA.
BUT SHE DID NOT REPLY IN HER USUAL, GENTLE VOICE.
AND THEN, FROM THAT DAY ON, I NEVER TALKED TO RIRIKA AGAIN.
—THIS IS THE STORY OF MY FIRST LOVE,
AND A MEMORY OF HEARTBREAK—

TIME PASSED, AND I ENTERED HIGH SCHOOL.
I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY HAVE ANY CLOSE FRIENDS, NOR DID I JOIN ANY CLUBS.
I WAS SLIGHTLY SHYER THAN MOST PEOPLE, AND BECAME THE TYPE OF STUDENT THAT DIDN'T STAND OUT AT ALL IN CLASS.
GLANCE
I'D READ IN SOME MAGAZINE THAT
"WHEN A GIRL FALLS IN LOVE, SHE CHANGES"
BUT TO ME,
HA-AA-H...
STEP
Hahaha
And then...
Seriously?

—AND THEN, ONE DAY, I HAD A FATED MEETING.



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WHY HASN'T THIS BEEN CLEANED UP...
RATTLE
ガララ
IT'S PROBABLY THE GUYS WHO DID THIS
THEY REALLY ARE IDIOTS...
HEY,
...
WHOOSH...
I'LL HELP OUT, TOO
THUMP

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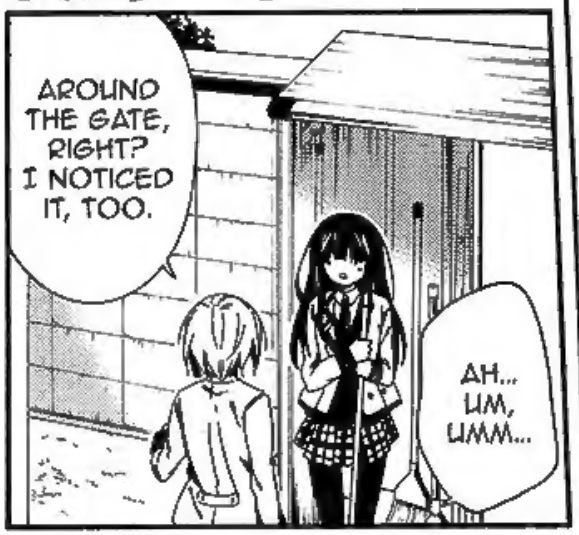

AROUND THE GATE, RIGHT? I NOTICED IT, TOO.
AH... UM, UMM...

Um...
HASTILY あたふた
...AH...
...IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

Ba-dump
IF I REMEMBER... WE'RE IN THE SAME GRADE, RIGHT?
Thump. Thump..
Y-YES...
S-She-she's really close...
Thump. Thump..
SWIFTLY

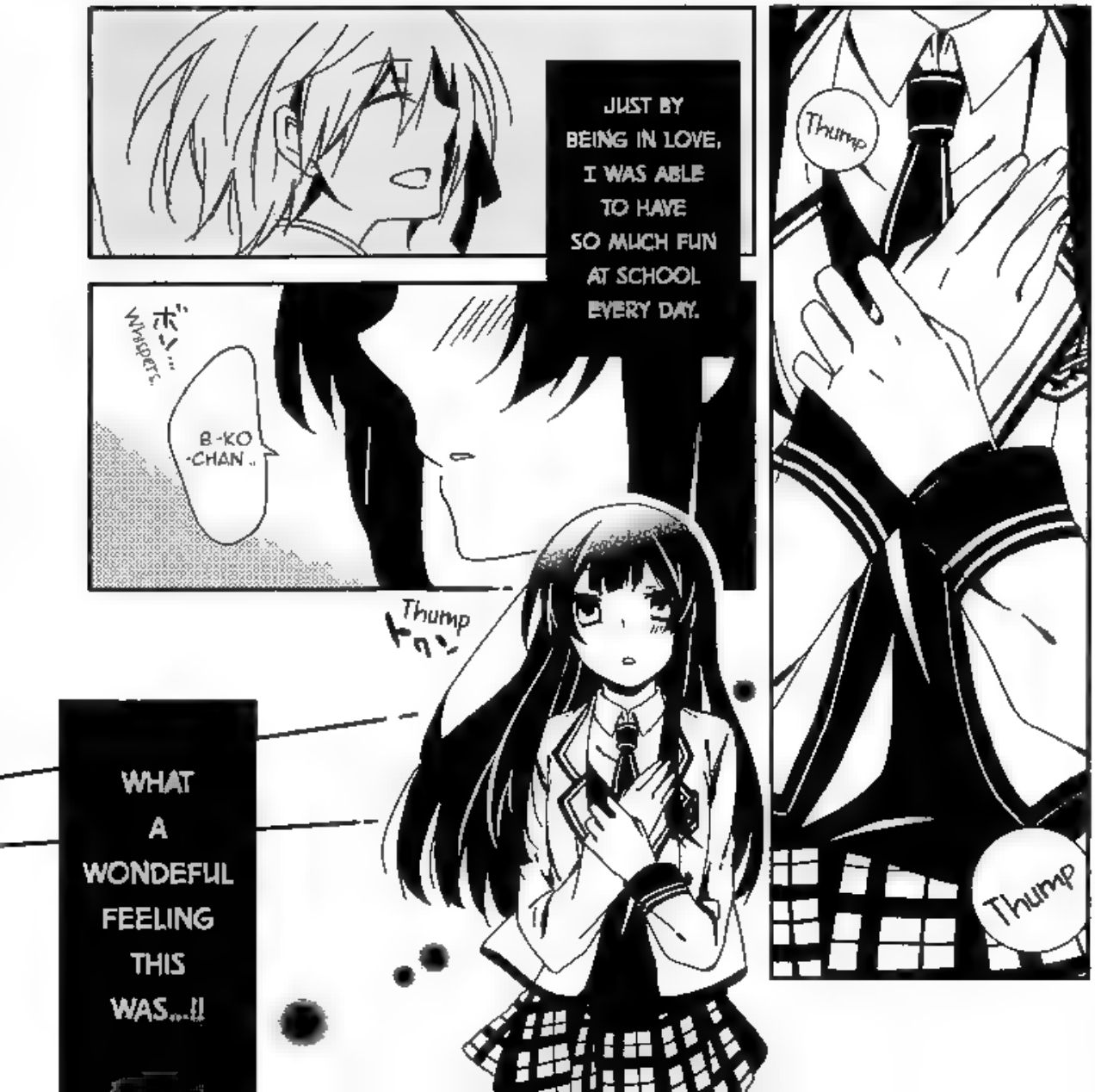
I FELL COMPLETELY
AND UTTERLY
IN LOVE WITH HER

...OVER
SOMETHING
SO SMALL,
MY LOVE
BEGAN.

Laugh
And then
giggle
Eh, w?
SHE WAS A PRETTY GIRL THAT EVERYONE CALLED PERFECT.
BEAUTIFUL AND SMART. GORGEOUS. THERE WASN'T A PERSON IN SCHOOL THAT DIDN'T KNOW ABOUT HER
I'D HEARD ABOUT HER BEFORE FROM THE RUMORS.
SHE WENT HOME RIGHT AFTER WE FINISHED CLEANING THOUGH...

Smiles
TO ME, SHE WAS MY FIRST REAL-LIFE, PERFECT, IDEAL GIRL.

I WANTED TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HER.
I WANTED TO GET CLOSER TO HER.


JUST BY BEING IN LOVE, I WAS ABLE TO HAVE SO MUCH FUN AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY.
Thump
ボソ… Whisper.
B-KO -CHAN..
Thump
トクン
Thump
Thump
WHAT A WONDEFUL FEELING THIS WAS...!!

I FELT THAT THE GAP BETWEEN ME, AND HER, WHO AS MUCH TOO PERFECT, WAS TOO LARGE
I FALED TREMENDOUS DESPAIR
FROM THAT DAY ON, I NEVER TOOK MY EYES OFF OF HER.
BUT THERE WAS JUST ONE THING THAT BOTHERED ME.
EVER SINCE WHAT HAPPENED WITH RIRIKA, I'VE HAD A CERTAIN KIND OF TRAUMA.

HEY, APPARENTLY B-KO WAS A GYARU WHEN SHE WAS IN MIDDLE SCHOOL
EH-HH.?
NO WAY
AT FIRST, I THOUGHT IT WAS BECAUSE OF THE RUMORS ABOUT B-KO THAT HAD BEEN GOING AROUND SCHOOL LATELY,
BUT ONE DAY, SOMETHING ABOUT HER CHANGED, JUST SLIGHTLY.
WITH THAT IN MIND, UNABLE TO GET CLOSER TO HER, THOSE FRUSTRATING DAYS CONTINUED...
HOWEVER, I DIDN'T LET GO OF THE HEAT OF MY LONG-SMOLDERING LOVE, AND ALWAYS FOLLOWED HER FROM THE CORNER OF MY EYE.
BUT I KNEW THAT THERE WAS SOMETHING DIFFERENT ABOUT B-KO
AFTER ALL, I'D BEEN WATCHING HER FOR SO LONG

LOOM.
I BEGAN TO FEEL UNEASY. WITHOUT THINKING ABOUT IT, I FOLLOWED HER ONE DAY AFTER SCHOOL.
...THE OLD SCHOOL BUILDING...?
RUSTLE...
!
RUSTLE...
SLIDE
!
WHY WOULD SHE COME HERE...?

Geez!!!
WHY'D YOU HAVE TO GO AND SPREAD ANOTHER RUMOR ABOUT ME!?
STARTLED
HONESTLY!!!
THUD
WHAT?
...BEATS ME?
Snicker
Vit Vit
B-KO -CHAN... AND TWO GUYS?
THUMP
AHAHA, THAT'S BECAUSE B-KO-CHAN'S A CELEBRITY AROUND HERE~

Ba-Thump...
Ba-Thump..
UP UNTIL NOW, B-KO HAD BEEN A SYMBOL OF PERFECTION TO ME, BUT NOW, I WAS SEEING HER ACT THIS LIVELY, AND REVEALING HER EMOTIONS...
IT WAS AT THIS MOMENT, WHEN I SAW HER ACTING LIKE THIS THAT I REALIZED SHE WAS DIFFERENT FROM RIRIKA... SHE WAS A REAL HUMAN BEING.
BUT... SOMEHOW... IT'S REALLY CUTE...
CLATTER
NO... THAT DOESN'T REALLY MATTER..
THUD
THUMP..
THAT'S... I'VE NEVER SEEN THAT KIND OF B-KO BEFORE

TU-
!?
-RN
AH-
THUD
...HUH? ARE YOU... HERE TO SEE B-KO -CHAN?
!? WAIT... YOU'RE...
pnew
AH, I'M... I'M SORRY I SAW YOU COMING TOWARDS TH S ABANDONED OLD BUILDING SO.. UM
..I SEE. SORRY, YOU WERE WORRIED ABOUT ME, RIGHT? THANK YOU
Haa.
...

I'M B-KO, YOU ARE...?
AH, BUT I STILL HAVEN'T ASKED YOUR NAME.
WELL... YEAH, I GUESS SO...
じっ STARE
..AN ACQUAINT-ANCE?
D-NE...
Smile...
20
THAT IS... YOU SEE...
Hesitantly
!!
Ah
RIGHT, D-NE -CHAN..
UM. WELL... IT'S KIND OF HARD TO PUT THIS INTO WORDS, BUT WHAT YOU SAW HERE, UM

Snicker
EH-? IT'S NOT LIKE WE'RE DOING ANYTHING SUSPICIOUS OR ANYTHING.

I-IT'S OKAY! I WON'T SAY ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.
R-REALLY!?

GLARE
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BUT PERHAPS

BA-DUMP
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HUH? WHAT IS IT?
...AH, BUT...
...!

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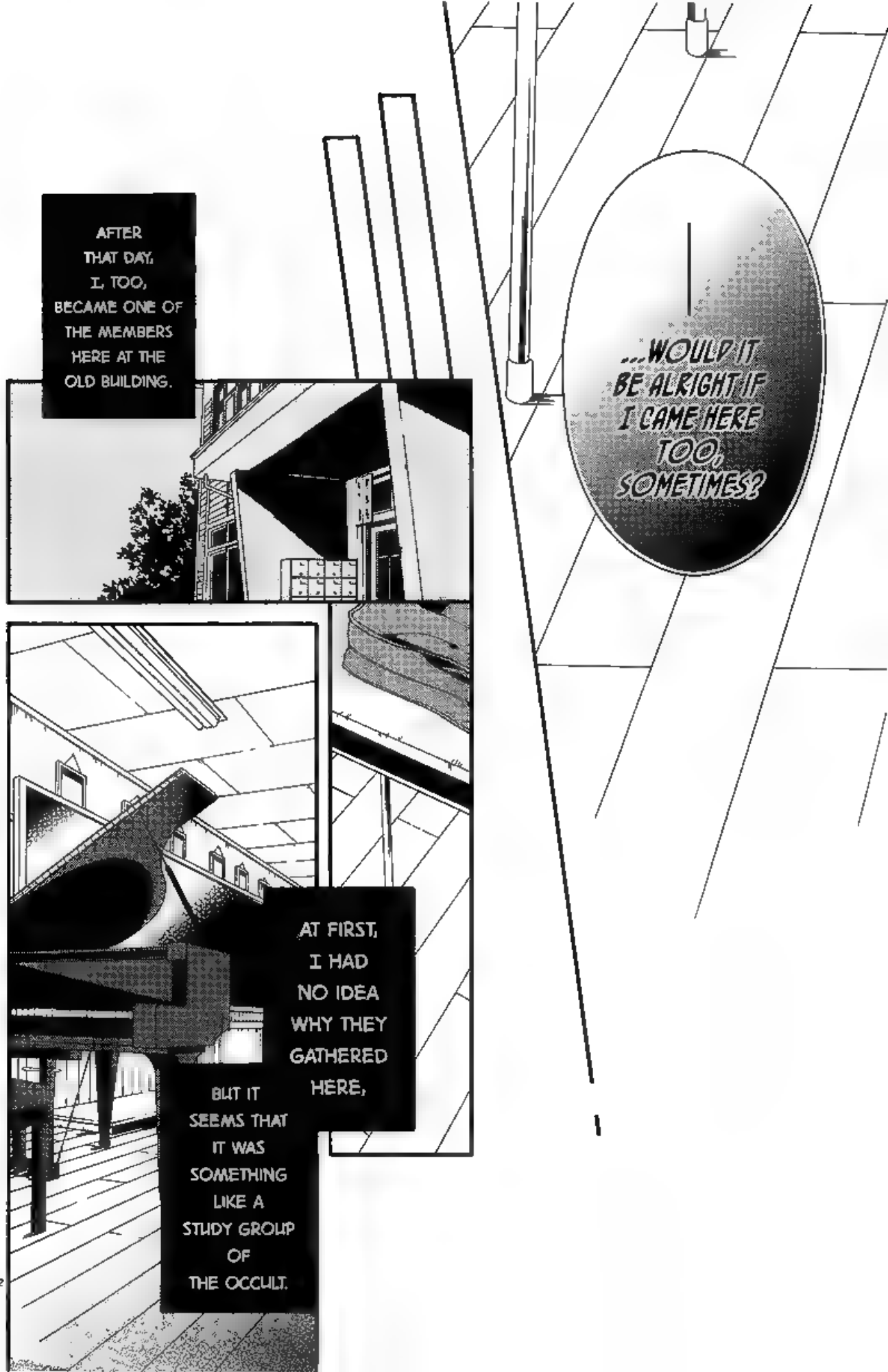
SUU...
MY CHANCE.
THIS WAS...


...WOULD IT BE ALRIGHT IF I CAME HERE TOO, SOMETIMES?
AFTER THAT DAY, I, TOO, BECAME ONE OF THE MEMBERS HERE AT THE OLD BUILDING.
AT FIRST, I HAD NO IDEA WHY THEY GATHERED HERE,
BUT IT SEEMS THAT IT WAS SOMETHING LIKE A STUDY GROUP OF THE OCCULT.

D-NE!
I DIDN'T PARTICULARLY HAVE ANY INTEREST IN THINGS LIKE THE OCCULT, BUT...
WHEN B-KO WAS HERE, SHE SEEMED REALLY HAPPY
ALSO, MORE THAN ANYTHING, THIS WAS THE ONE PLACE THAT I COULD TALK WITH B-KO
BECAUSE, THE MORE I LEARNED ABOUT B-KO, THE MORE I LIKED HER.
I WANT TO KNOW I WANT TO KNOW
MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE MOR
I WANT TO KNOW I WANT TO KNOW
MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE MOR
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I WANT TO KNOW I WANT TO KNOW
MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE MOR
I WANT TO KNOW I WANT TO KNOW
MORE MORE MORE MORE MORE MOR

AH...TO THINK A DAY WOULD COME WHEN MY HEART WOULD POUND SO MUCH
THUMP
THUMP
BUT, ON THE OTHER HAND...
LIKE INK DIFFUSING IN WATER, HER IRRITATION GROWS AND GROWS...
I'VE STARTED TO GET FED UP OF THOSE TWO...
TO BE CONTINUED
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A Quick Note!

In chapter 9 we made a small mistake. The "To: XXX From: Cta" got switched!

We quickly went to fix it but by then it had already spread to other manga sites (some sites are fine though).
This should be the correct one.

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